

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Alva M. Underwood will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on January 24, 2004, at her home in Fulton, Missouri; and

Whereas, on January 22, 1914, at Ford's Hollow in Auxvasse, God brought a special gift to John Robert and Bertha (Ford) Brown with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Alva, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Alva Underwood will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her sixty-six-year marriage to Melvin G. Underwood (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Alva Underwood with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include five children, Robert L. Underwood, Thomas E. Underwood, Melvin J. Underwood (deceased), Sheboyia E. Underwood (deceased), and Alva A. Underwood; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Alva Underwood further distinguished herself as a dedicated nurse and member of New Hope Baptist Church; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 90, Alva Underwood is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Alva Underwood at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Alva M. Underwood, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker